

TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

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NOTICE

DOCKET NO.

97-00309

IN RE:

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Entry Into Long Distance (InterLATA) Service in Tennessee Pursuant to Section 271 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996

DATE:

May 8, 2002

On November 22, 1999, the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("Authority"), pursuant to the request of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth"), issued its *Order Accepting BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Notice of Voluntary Dismissal Without Prejudice and Withdrawal of Advance Notice of Section 271 Filing.*

On July 30, 2001, BellSouth filed its second Section 271 Application with the Authority pursuant to the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. On August 7, 2001, the Hearing Officer in this matter advised the parties to reserve October 3-5, 8-9, and November 12-16, 2001, as hearing dates. On September 18, 2001, BellSouth requested the Authority to cancel the scheduled hearing dates. The hearing dates were canceled, and this matter was held in abeyance pending further notification from BellSouth.

On April 26, 2002, BellSouth submitted "BellSouth's 271 filing" with the Authority. Parties of record are hereby advised that discovery requests shall be submitted and served on all parties on or before 2:00 p.m., May 23, 2002, and responses thereto shall be submitted and served on all parties on or before 2:00 p.m., June 13, 2002. The Intervenors in this action shall, to the extent practicable, consolidate their discovery requests to BellSouth and, because of consolidation, shall be permitted to combine the limit on the number of discovery requests allowed each party under Authority Rule 1220-1-2-.11(5)(a).

FOR THE AUTHORITY

Director Melvin J. Malone,

Hearing Officer

cc: Parties of Record